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A RAPID AND LOW COST METHOD FOR ISOLATING NUCLEIC ACID For:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office Action dated September 30, 2009, now due to expire December 30, 2009, be extended for two month(s) and set to expire on February 28, 2010.

Please charge the extension fee of \$490.00 to Deposit Account No. 500417. Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 500417.

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